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For:

A MACHINABLE AUSTEMPERED CAST IRON ARTICLE
HAVING IMPROVED MACHINABILITY, FATIGUE
PERFORMANCE, AND RESISTANCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL
CRACKING AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.56, Applicant hereby makes of record the items listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Applicant notes that the Office has recently waived the requirement under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(I) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC §371 after June 30, 2003. As such, copies of the U.S. Patents and U.S. Patent application publications are not being provided.


None of these items disclose the inventive concepts claimed in the subject application.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFR 1.98 are met by the provision of the foregoing statement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit to Deposit Account No. 08-2789. **A duplicate of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

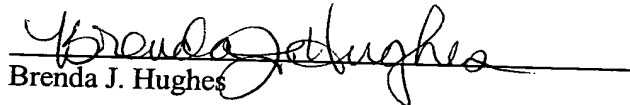
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